



Ninety-Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2002
Committee Statement
LB 1195

Hearing Date: February 4, 2002

Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications

Introducer(s): (Bromm)

Title: Authorize use of funds by the Public Service Commission for monitoring federally mandated telecommunications competition requirements

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

X Advanced to General File with Amendments

Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

7	Yes	Senators Jones, Baker, Robak, Byars, Hudkins, Brown and Bromm
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No

Present, not voting

1	Absent	Senator Dw. Pedersen
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Proponents:

Senator Curt Bromm

Anne Boyle

Tim Sandos

Representing:

23rd District

Nebraska Public Service Commission

Qwest

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

The bill sets up a fund for the costs associated with the monitoring of compliance with federal laws for regional bell operating companies (RBOC) by the Public Service Commission (PSC). A new subsection 1 states intent language regarding the fostering of competition in telephone service and the role of federal and state (PSC) oversight. Subsection 2 creates the Nebraska Competitive Telephone Marketplace (CompMar) Fund to accept any voluntary performance payments received from an RBOC. The fund will be used by the PSC for expenses related to the monitoring of any RBOC for compliance with federal standards exclusively for RBOC's. If the fund exceeds

\$100,000, excess money will spill over into the Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund (NIEF). Requires reporting of the funding level of the CompMar Fund and an accounting of the PSC's expenses related to the fund in the annual telecommunications report to the Legislature.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Removes from the CompMar the ability to receive gifts and contributions.

Senator Curt Bromm, Chairperson